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LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the letter sent to you by Mr. A. Iskanderov, Acting President of the Republic of Tajikistan, on 15 October 1992.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of his letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lakim KAYUMOV
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Tajikistan

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Annex

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I present my compliments to you and have the honour to inform you that, in spite of the measures that have been taken, the armed conflict in the south of the Republic is escalating. Illegal armed formations of one of the sides have managed to win over several officers of the Russian Army - some of whom were individuals of the local nationality - and to steal from Russian military units, and later use in the conflict, a number of armoured vehicles, including tanks, which increased the number of victims and brought about greater destruction in the town of Kurgan-Tyube and its environs.

As a result of these illegal actions, the number of human victims has grown, the economy is becoming completely destabilized, and the situation threatens to degenerate into a civil war, which could result in the disintegration of Tajikistan as a sovereign State.

In this situation, the leaders, the Presidium of the Supreme Council and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of a broad civil conflict that could have unpredictable consequences not only for neighbouring countries members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, but, possibly, also for the international community as a whole.

In the light of the foregoing, we are relying on the support and assistance of the international community in settling the conflict between the opposing sides and stabilizing the situation in the Republic of Tajikistan.

A. Iskandarov
Acting President of the Republic of Tajikistan